

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the above referenced application is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is objected to because of the informalities on lines 4 and 5. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this objection.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 has been cancelled and overcomes this rejection.

Claims 1-3 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Schoen-Wolski, U.S. Patent 2,766,458.

A multi-functional cap is set forth in Claim 1 that recites a crown portion (10) and an existing cap having a visor (20) extended from the crown portion and an assistance visor (11) that is detachably coupled to the edge of the crown portion and the edge of the visor. Further, the assistance visor is claimed as formed in a foldable structure.

The assistance visor is useful to block strong sunlight, but may become an inconvenient element when the user exercises or a strong wind blows. Thus, the claimed present invention serves to provide an assistance visor that can be detached from the cap, so that the user can benefit from the use thereof according to the circumstances. Further, the assistance visor has a foldable structure, and this is convenient to use and maintain.

Meanwhile, in the cited reference to Schoen-Wolski U.S. Patent 2,766,458, a piece of folded material 1 is divided into three portions, that is, a central portion and front and rear end portions 42, 43 by means of slidable fasteners 31, 32 provided at both ends (see Figures 1 and 2). When it is used, the central portion bulges out to cover the head, and the front and rear portions 42, 43 are spread out and form visors (see Figure 3).

Comparing the two inventions, even though they are similar to each other due to the foldable visors, the two inventions are quite different from each other with respect to the structure and effect thereof in view of the facts that:

(a) the assistance visor 11 of the present invention is coupled to the edge of the existing cap having the crown portion 10 and visor 20, whereas the visor of the cited reference is coupled to the front and rear end portions 42, 43, but not the central portion, among three portions, which are defined by the slidable fasteners 31, 32 provided at both ends of a piece of folded material 1:

(b) the assistance visor 11 of the present invention can be detached from or coupled to the cap according to the circumstances of use, whereas the visor of the cited reference coupled to the front and rear end portions 42, 43 among three portions, which are defined by the slidable fasteners 31, 32 provided at both ends of a piece of folded material 1, cannot be detached from the central portion; and

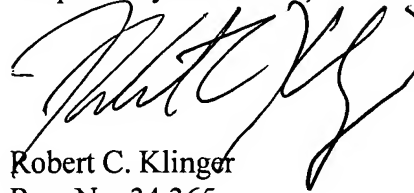
(c) the assistance visor 11 has a foldable structure.

Accordingly, the present invention could not be easily conceived by those having ordinary skill in the art based on the cited reference. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably distinct from the cited prior art, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

A Three month Extension of Time is included herewith along with the requisite fee. No additional fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Applicant's Deposit Account # 10-0096, should any other fees be due.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve any matters which remain by Examiner's amendment where possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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